Restrictions on appointment of foreign nationals in Indian universities

125. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed fresh restrictions on appointment of foreign nationals in Indian universities, their research programmes and movement into sensitive areas and the universities have been asked to keep a strict vigil on their activities; and

(b) if so, what are the details of guidelines issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time in regard to the procedure to be observed in respect of foreign scholars visiting India under various programmes have been consolidated to facilitate easy reference and have recently been brought to the notice of Vice-Chancellors of all universities/deemed universities, etc., for their guidance/compliance.

Narmada Sarover Scheme

126. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan Government have unduly delayed the payment of their share to the Government of Gujarat in the Narmada Sarover Scheme; and

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government propose to take to ensure that payments are made in time?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have already paid a mojor portion of their share of expenditure on the Sardar Sarovar Project. The Government of Rajasthan are yet to pay their share of expenditure.

(b) The question of earmarking funds in the State plans for inter-State Projects, is under consideration.

Ayurvedic medicine 'S' Compound

127. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has approved an Ayurvedic medicine 'S' Compound;

(b) whether Government propose to make it a substitute of phenybtazone, a drug withdrawn from number of countries for its dangerous side-effects; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to export this medicine to other countries for earning foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal for substitution of S. Compound, an Ayurvedic drug in place of Phanylbutazone, which is an allopathic drug.

(c) So far the Government has not explored the possibility of exporting this medicine to other countries.

Setting up of a National Test Range in Orissa

128. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Test Range in Orissa;

(b) if so, the site selected for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (*SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO*): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The site selected is in Balasore district of Orissa.

(c) The proposal is being finalised. Action is in hand to obtain necessary sanction and progress the project.

Rural Electrification Corporation

129. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has launched any scheme to provide electricity in the remote areas;

(b) whether the Corporation has implemented some hydel projects for that purpose;

(c) if so, the amount spent by the Corporation in the Sixth Plan for that purpose; and

(d) the details of State-wise works done by the Corporation in the Sixth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) The Rural Electrification Corporation have formulated a proposal for financing Mini/Micro Hydel Projects for supplying electricity in far-flung and remote areas. The proposal has not yet been finalized and its implementation would depend on the availability of resources in the Seventh Plan.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rural Health Guide Scheme in North-Eastern Region

130. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States and Union Territories in the North Eastern Region where Rural Health Guide Scheme has been in operation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have not been properly supervising the scheme in the above States and Union Territories; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Scheme is being implemented in the States/Union Territories of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram in North Eastern Region.

(b) No, Sir. The Rural Health Guide Scheme is implemented through the State Governments who send regular reports/returns to the Central Government.

(c) Question does not arise.

Provision of irrigation facilities to the hilly areas of Meghalaya

131. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide irrigation facilities to the hilly areas of Meghalaya with expert technical assistance as well as obtaining financial aid from any foreign agency for the purpose; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?